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New Hanover Medical Center proposes revisions to expansion, renovation

RALEIGH – New Hanover Regional Medical Center has filed an application with the Certificate of Need Section of the North Carolina Division of Health Service Regulation to seek approval for a cost overrun for an approved \$204 million master facility expansion and renovation.

A public hearing for this project will be held at 1 p.m. on Jan. 9 at Cape Fear Community College, Downtown Campus, L-Building, Room L-107, 415 North Second St., Wilmington.

New Hanover Regional Medical Center was approved in December 2006 to renovate several departments, including the patient tower, emergency department, The Coastal Heart Center, imaging department, to construct a surgery pavilion and a women's and children's pavilion and to upgrade the central heating and cooling plant.

The initial project was approved for \$204 million. The proposed revisions call for an additional \$45 million for a total project cost of \$249 million. The additional costs are attributed to design changes that will expand the surgical pavilion with 44,000 square feet of unfinished space to keep egress paths and necessary connections in place and the increased cost of building materials. The hospital has proposed to eliminate from the project the expansion and renovation of the emergency and imaging departments and The Coastal Heart Center.

Anyone may file written comments concerning this proposal. Comments must be received by the Certificate of Need Section no later than Dec. 31 at the following address:

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